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PROPOSITIONS FOR PEACE,

PROPOVNDED

By the Kings most Excellent MAJESTIE, to the High Court of *Parliament*.

Together,

With His Majesties Royall *Protestation*, concerning the cleering of all Doubts of His raising Armes against the *Parliament*.

Also the Kings Majesties Letter to the Lord *Willoughby* at *Lincoln*, concerning the Militia, and Mustering of the Trained Bands of that County.

Likewise the Lord *Willoughbies* Information concerning the said Message to the House of PARLIAMENT.

As also an Order to send for the Maior, for proclaiming the Kings Proclaimation.

Also the Votes of both Houses of Parliament, Concerning the said Message.

Ordered that this be Printed and published.
Hen. Elsing. Cler. Parl.

June 28. *Prined for* William Arding, 1642.

His Majesty taking into his Royall Consideration, the great danger that Civill Discord, was graciously pleased to propound these severall matters to the High Court of *Parliament*, adding withall His *Protestation*, that those things performed, He would be ready to concurre with them, in ought that should by them be thought necessary for him to grant.

1. *That they would rest satisfied with the truth of his professions and intentions.*

2. *That they declare against all Tumults, and punish the Authors.*

3. *That they allow him his Prosperity in his Towns, or Arms and Goods.*

4. *That they recall those Declarations (particularly that of the 18. of May) and those in the Point of the Militia.*

5. *That they Decline the beginning of a war against him, under pretence of His making one against them.*

That then His Majesty never opposed the first part of the 15. *Demand*, so we shall be ready to concurr with them in the latter.

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HIS MAIESTIES MESSAGE

To the Lord Willoughby, to Lincoln, concerning the Militia.

THe House of *Parliament* out of their due consideration, and prosperity both of the King & Kingdome, did elect and choose the Lord *Willoughby*, as a man fit and deserving to have the trust and charge of the *Militia* of *Lincoln* shire committed unto him, who according to the trust reposed in him, with his endeavour to give satisfaction for their good opinion of him; in that they thought him weary of so great a trust, with the consent of the House went down to *Lincoln*, and did undertake and put in Execution, what the House had Ordered.

My Lord *Willoughby* was not deterred from his truſt by many Meſſages ſent from his Majeſty, neither by his Proclamation lately publiſhed to this intent. That no Train-bands ſhould be muſtred or Trained without his ſpenall Order from his Majeſty, although they had expreſſe Command from the Houſe of *Parliament* to that purpoſe.

Upon the 24. of *June* his Majeſty underſtanding the Lord *Willoughby* notwithſtanding all his former prohibitions, did contrary to his Will and Command perſiſt in his Muſtering of the train Band of *Lincoln* ſhire, ſent down a new Meſſage unto him to the ſame effect, commanding him to deſiſt from the Muſtring of the Train Bands, as hee would anſwer the contrary, when a fit occaſion ſhould ſerve at his uttermoſt peril.

And withall did ſignifie unto him, that the Lord Keeper had never Conſented to the Ordinances, as he pretended in his Anſwer to his former Letters.

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My Lord *Willoughby* having received this Letter, and in it the Meſſage, thought it fit to addreſſe himſelfe unto that power, who had enabled him, and without all queſtion hee believed would encourage and defend his ſervice.

Whereupon hee ſent Letters to the Houſe, enforming them, that notwithſtanding the King had again prohibited him from going on with muſtring the *Train band*.

Yet he did not deſiſt, but did execute the Charge and Truſt committed to them by him.

Enforming them alſo, that there was a Captain came from His Majeſty from *Yorke*, who by falſe ſuppoſitions and alluding promiſes to the utmoſt of his power, did ſtrive and endeavour to alienate the hearts and fidelity of that County, from their repoſed truſt in the Houſe of Parliament, and further told that Country, That he wondred that the Lord *Willoughby* had ſo blinded their Eyes, that they could not ſee their owne

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benefit, and withall did assure them that the King himselfe would shortly come to *Lincoln*, and muster up the Trayned Bands.

The House having received these Letters from the Lord *Willoughby*, fell the same day into a Conference, being moved with the Necessity of these Times, and the weight of the businesse.

And so upon consideration of the said Letters, the Lords Ordered, *That certaine Votes agreed upon in the Lords House, Concerning the Militia, at which the Lord Keeper was present, and gave his Vote for them, should be forthwith put in Print, and published throughout the Kingdome.*

Also, at the same time Information was made, *That the Lord Keeper in the House of Peers, named his Deputy Lieutenants for every County, and sent them downe to the House of Commons for their Approbation, And also agreed to the severall forms of the Deputations for the Militia.*

These

These Distractions and Differences God of his mercy, and when it shall seeme most convenient to his Divine Providence amend, That the King and His Subjects being united in a most separable Union, this Land may enjoy a continuall peace, the Gospell flourish to the Glory of Almighty God, and the Comfort of this Nation, his Majesty may enjoy a prosperous and a peaceable reign, His Subjects flourish in peace of Conscience, and peace of Estate; So shall this whole Land be everlastingly happy, unto which O God say, *Amen.*

I.

The violent and frequent Breaches of the Priviledges of Parliament, the often attempt against the State, and malitious Design, to frustrate the Power and Proceedings of Parliament.

II.

The want of due Reformation of Church-Government and Liturgie now used, the want of a Preaching Ministry, and competent maintenance for them in many parts of this Kingdome.

Both

Both Houses of Parliament hath took into their serious consideration the Occasion and Reason why the Members of the said Houses should absent themselves upon their summoning in, Wherupon they hath drawn up a Charge against them, and are resolv'd that they shall pay 100.l. a man, and to be examined by the Committee before the next sitting.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that this be printed and published.

John Brown Cler Parl.

Hen. Elsing Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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